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III. N	on-establishment f pinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
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	the entire international application.
X	claims Nos. <u>44-62,75,81,91,99,101-114,120-123,138-142,150-165</u>
	because:
	the said international application, or the said claim Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require international preliminary examination (specify).
	the description, claims or drawings (indicate particular elements below) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify).
	the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
X	no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. (See Attached).
	aningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid nee listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:  the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.  the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.



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V. Reas ned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to n velty, inventive step r industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement 1. statement Novelty (N) Claims (Please See supplemental sheet) Claims (Please See supplemental sheet) Inventive Step (IS) Claims (Please See supplemental sheet) YES Claims (Please See supplemental sheet) NO Industrial Applicability (IA) Claims (Please See supplemental sheet) YES (Please See supplemental sheet) Claims NO 2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7) Claims 1-43, 63-74, 76-80, 82-90, 92-98, 100, 115-119, 124-137 and 143-149 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the nucleic acids encoding the polypeptide identified as SNORF36 receptor, the SNORF36 receptor, and methods of screening for antagonists or agonists of the receptor. The claimed invention has industrial applicability in that the nucleic acid molecules can be used to screen for related nucleic acid molecules and the encoded protein can be used in methods to screen for compounds that bind to it or to produce antibodies. ----- NEW CITATIONS -----NONE



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#### **CLASSIFICATION:**

The International Patent Classification (IPC) and/or the National classification are as listed below: IPC(7): C07K 14/705; C07H 21/04; C12N 15/63, 1/21; C12P 21/02; G01N 33/53 and US C1.: 530/350; 536/23.5; 436/7.1, 69.1, 252.3, 254.2, 320.1, 361

#### III. NON-ESTABLISHMENT OF REPORT:

No international search report has been established for claim numbers 44-62,75,81,91,99,101-114,120-123,138-142,150-165.

#### V. 1. REASONED STATEMENTS:

The report as to Novelty was positive (YES) with respect to claims 1-43,63-74,76-80,82-90,92-98,100,115-119,124-137,143-149

The report as to Novelty was negative (NO) with respect to claims NONE.

The report as to Inventive Step was positive (YES) with respect to claims 1-43,63-74,76-80,82-90,92-98,100,115-119,124-137,143-149.

The report as to Inventive Step was negative (NO) with respect to claims NONE.

The report as to Industrial Applicability was positive (YES) with respect to claims 1-43,63-74,76-80,82-90,92-98,100,115-119,124-137,143-149.

The report as to Industrial Applicability was negative (NO) with respect to claims NONE.